

Higher-Wage Jobs with Good Opportunities in the Trident Workforce Area Not Requiring a Bachelor's or Advanced Degree

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Education, training and experience typically make a difference in the type of job, and wages, one can expect. But, not all “good” jobs require a college degree. Based on the latest employment projections for the Trident Workforce Area (Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties), here are some jobs with higher wages that don’t require a college degree that will have a significant number of opportunities over the next several years

Occupation	2008 Trident Area Average Wage	Typical Education/Training Level
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	35,870	Postsecondary vocational award
Billing and Posting Clerks and Machine Operators	30,270	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Bookkeeping, Accounting and Auditing Clerks	31,880	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	36,270	Postsecondary vocational award
Computer Support Specialists	41,890	Associate degree
Dental Assistants	31,400	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Dental Hygienists	53,620	Associate degree
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians	61,190	Associate degree
Electricians	39,710	Long-term on-the-job training
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	34,950	Postsecondary vocational award
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	40,520	Work experience in a related occupation
Fire Fighters	30,070	Long-term on-the-job training
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	34,550	Postsecondary vocational award
Hairdressers, Hairstylists and Cosmetologists	30,340	Postsecondary vocational award
Industrial Engineering Technicians	48,680	Associate degree
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	43,090	Long-term on-the-job training
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers and Weighers	36,550	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Legal Secretaries	33,030	Associate degree
Machinists	34,710	Long-term on-the-job training
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	33,480	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Massage Therapists	52,870	Postsecondary vocational award
Medical Secretaries	31,990	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics (except Engines)	41,920	Long-term on-the-job training
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	31,730	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	42,220	Associate degree
Plumbers, Pipefitters and Steamfitters	34,890	Long-term on-the-job training
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	37,810	Long-term on-the-job training
Registered Nurses	60,420	Associate degree
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing (except Technical and Scientific Products)	49,770	Work experience in a related occupation

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Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing (Technical and Scientific Products)	62,470	Work experience in a related occupation
Secretaries (except Legal, Medical and Executive)	31,030	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	53,670	Work experience in a related occupation
Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	31,060	Work experience in a related occupation
Supervisors/Managers of Landscaping, Lawn Service and Groundskeeping Workers	40,820	Work experience in a related occupation
Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics, Installers and Repairers	54,440	Work experience in a related occupation
Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	44,400	Work experience in a related occupation
Supervisors/Managers of Personal Service Workers	37,370	Work experience in a related occupation
Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	54,040	Work experience in a related occupation
Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	41,480	Work experience in a related occupation
Surveying and Mapping Technicians	34,950	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Team Assemblers	31,360	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers (except Line Installers)	45,750	Postsecondary vocational award
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	35,780	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Welders, Cutters, Solderers and Brazers	33,750	Postsecondary vocational award

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